中岑書店
僕だけがいない街
It was something that I couldn't possibly accept as a kid
An event that happened to close to myself...
These were memories that I did not want to remember
...Do I want to remember them now?
that I had shut my own memories away
Now I'm aware of that and the fact
Or is because I'm an adult now?
Is it because I'm fascinated as an author?
Book. Notorious Crimes in Japan during the Showa Era
ニッポン
昭和の重大事件史
Isn't it fine... if I forget about it all over again?
Taking back the past!

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僕だけがいない街

BOKU DAKE GA INAI MACHI

超感覚サスペンス連載第３回!!

An interesting past.
A present that's starting to move.
What will the future bring...!?

But there I was, holding that book in my hands

『神宿りのナギ』『鬼燈の島』

三部けい

Kei SANBE

海道小学生
連続誘拐殺
昭和最後のシリアルキラ
白鳥 聞 死刑囚
This old man again ...
...
...
How many books do you think I've bought from your store over the years?
At least let me check the contents
Have a good day
Yea, right!

What are you drinking with your hand on your hip?
Gotta cool my head...
snowy

Kata-giri...
Orona-min C...
Are your mind and body still tired?
N-... No...
"Mind" ...

I'm back to my old self
Then come back to work already!
We're short on delivery staff,
so we've been very busy

Sorry
I'm going to talk to the manager now
I'm gonna be back tomorrow
Really?
Then see ya later!

Sorry, manager
I can't thank you enough for everything you've done...
It's okay, don't mind it
Yes
Then I'll be counting on you again, starting tomorrow

By the way, Satoru
Keep thinking about what I said about full employ-ment
Sometimes, I catch myself thinking,
"If only you're here at my store full-time"
"If Only You're Here"...
Sounds like a manga title, huh
HA HA HA HA
Huh ...?
I know that you're still working on manga
I don't mean to rush you, but...
Okay?
Wah!
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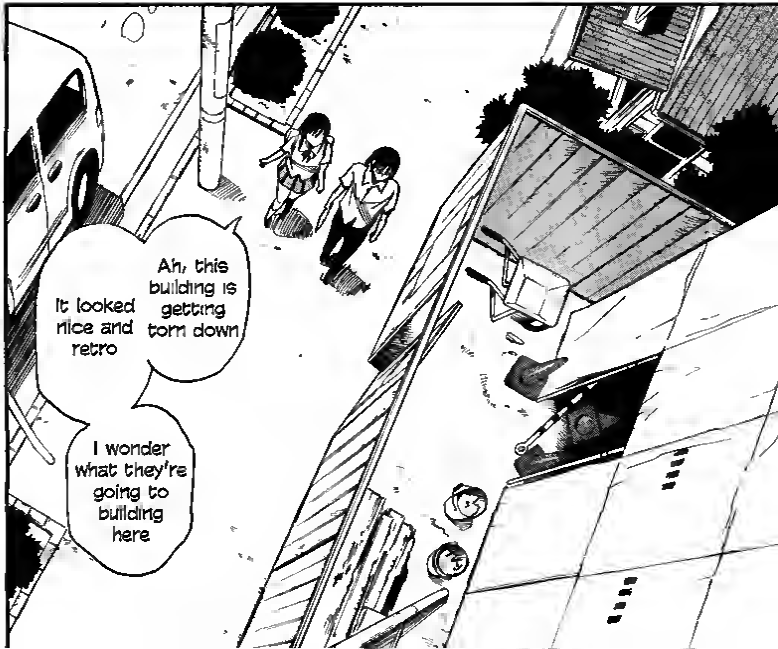
...Yes
Thank you so much
He's really bad at measuring intimacy, huh...
I'll talk to head-quarters,
so just say the word when you feel like it

He seems to really want me
Well, that's debatable,
but anyone in my shoes would be happy to hear those words
However,
sorry, manager, but I'm still not giving up on manga...
Mr. Fujinuma!
Wait
Wait
Katagiri, you're already done with work even though it's Saturday?
It's because it's Saturday
There's lots of students working today
Like, you're coming to work tomorrow, right?
Well, yeah... But doesn't this mean that there are enough staff?
Only in quantity
Even the manager said that you're more useful than a full-time employee, right?
"Useful"...
Thanks, I guess
It's true
How near-sighted are you, Mr. Fujinuma?
Oh yea
Hm?
It's not that bad
Both are at 20/25...
That's way worse than mine

You know,
the truck incident the other day
made me wonder
if your glasses are fake
Why would I do that?
What? Are you gonna buy glasses?
I said, my eyes are great


Ah, this building is getting torn down
It looked nice and retro
I wonder what they're going to building here

Do you like retro stuff?
...Not really
I just find new stuff uninteresting
They just look functional
For example, cars like that look cool
Oh
I get what you mean
But even those were made to look functional when they were made
Well...
I guess

Ah, this building is getting torn down
It looked nice and retro
I wonder what they're going to building here
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...
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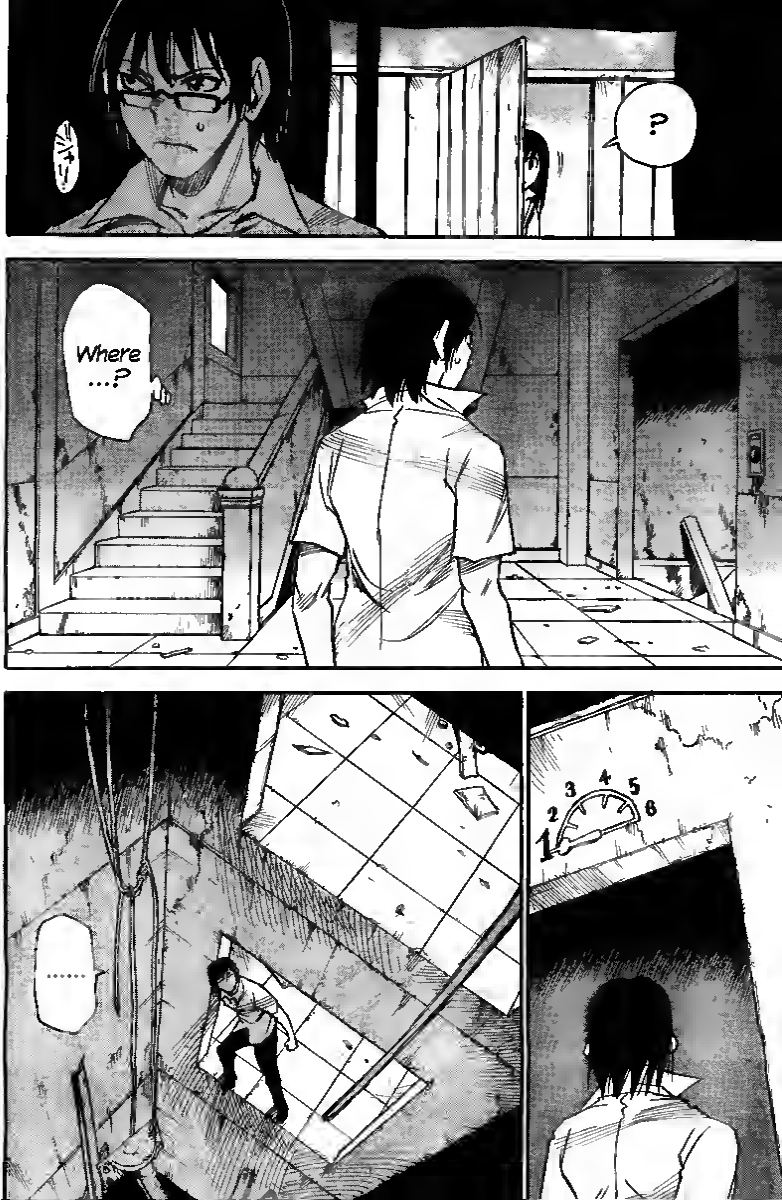
...
It's a "rerun"

It looked nice and retro
.....
Ah, this building is getting torn down
解体工事
There's no doubt that it has to do with this building
Well...
...Inside, huh
Huh?
I wonder what they're going to building here...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Where ...?
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There's something...
I have a bad feeling about this...
And I just had a "rerun" recently
I still haven't fixed my nosiness, huh...
I'm a dumbass!

Mr. Fujinuma?
Where are you?
.....
Gotta find the next "hint"
before I get sent back again...
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What's gonna happen?
Fuck, where is it!?
Hey! Is there someone here?
Answer me!
Why am I running around here!?
Even though I only have a gut feeling...
Even though I might get into trouble again...
Why ...
.....
I...

anyone here!?
Is there
Hey!
Dam-mit

They're on higher floors ...!!
Shit! Did yelling at them backfire on me...!?
Kids ...!?

No, this won't work...
This will obviously work against me...
You kids!
Stay where you a-...!
Hey!
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Oof
Wah
O-Oh no, we're gonna fall...!

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S-...
Safe...

You can't play in places like these!
...Okay
What were you doing?
Using this as our secret base...
Don't say that I'm being unfair, okay
There's a good reason why you can't come in here, okay?
I'll keep this a secret, so promise me
It feels like... that I too have once been told those words before...
that you'll never play in a danger-ous place like this ever again!
Okay!

Even though this wasn't my fault,
Huh?
...Oh
... Don't mention it...
Thanks, Mr. Fujinuma
My hands are still numb and shaky
Wow
If this girl wasn't around...
it still feels awkward to get involved in it
Katagiri starts using her name as her pronoun instead of "I", which is considered cute and casual.
playing at dangerous places, huh
...Boys sure like
Now it's my turn, huh
.....
Katagiri started using her name instead of "I"...
It might hurt for two days
Is it numb from the impact?
"Airi"?
Ohh... So her first name is "Airi"...

Maybe this means... that we've become more intimate...
Hm...
Maybe your rosiness grew out of that
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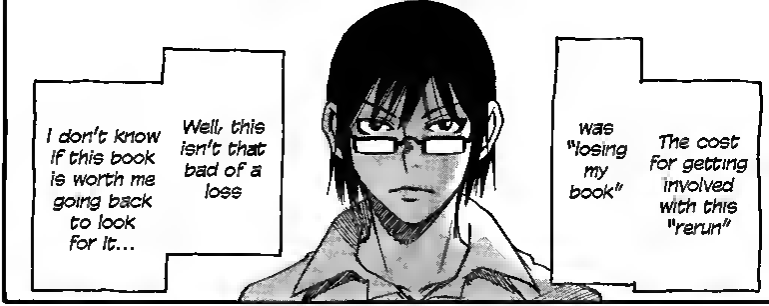
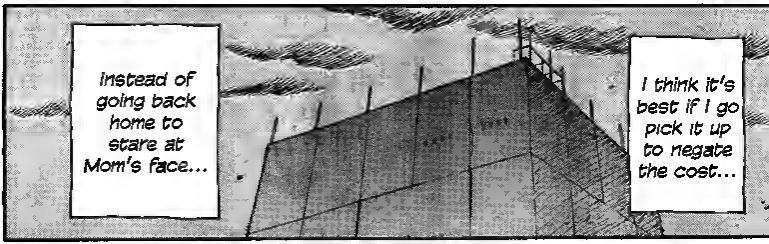
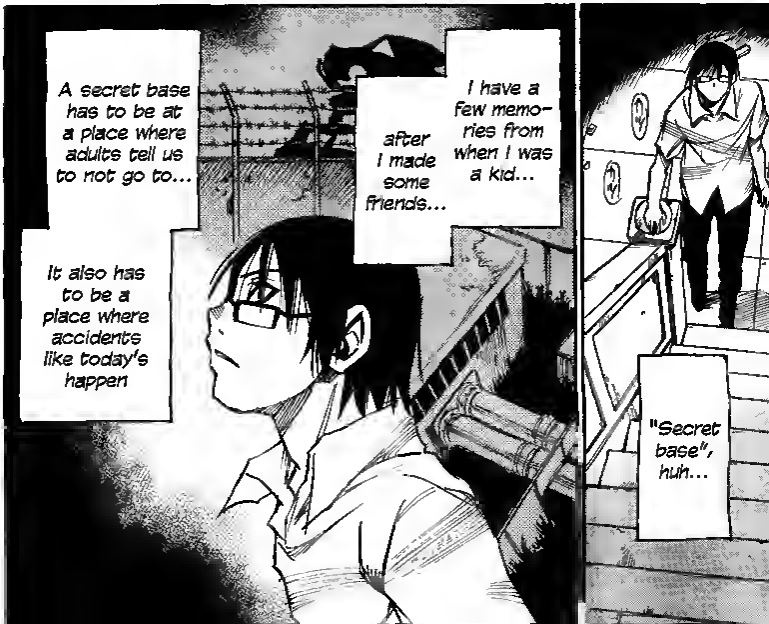
How blunt...
I'm not playing, though...
I shouldn't say this since you saved me, but...
?
Mr. Fujinuma, are you
a god of death?

Just when I thought we got closer, she calls me a "god of death"!
...Hey, ...
Why aren't I denying it!?
I don't know how close we are at all...
Just kidding!
Then see ya tomorrow!
Okay ...
Well, whatever...
Hmph ...


I don't know if this book is worth me going back to look for it...
Well, this isn't that bad of a loss
was "losing my book"
The cost for getting involved with this "rerun"


Instead of going back home to stare at Mom's face...
I think it's best if I go pick it up to negate the cost...


A secret base has to be at a place where adults tell us to not go to...
after I made some friends...
I have a few memories from when I was a kid...
It also has to be a place where accidents like today's happen
"Secret base", huh...

"A special place, just for kids"

He stopped coming to the secret base after the kidnappings started, huh...

There's no one around, right?
Yeah
All clear
Okay, let's go
Hope we don't get caught...
Is there anyone around, Ken'ya?
It's okay. Come over, everyone
It was always thrilling to try to sneak in and out
without getting caught by adults
He's still there
I hope he doesn't find out
Yuuki was always throwing paper airplanes
on the riverbank near the secret base
...

so I never greeted him
Everyone was wary of him,
and never greet me too
Yuuki was aware of that (I think)
Yuuki would just smile at me
When our eyes unexpectedly met,

In the end, I never found the book
...“This means that it's a book that I don't have to read now”, I thought to myself
“Playing at dangerous places”
“An extension”
I thought back to Airi's words
Right now, I feel just like that
Just like how kids go into dangerous places,
I was going to read that book---
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